Wife's Divorce Suit,

UPWARD SWING IN STOCKS CONTINUES.

While the Market Was Variable, Further Advances Were Scored in the Leading Specialties.

ENGLISH SPECULATORS HIT.

Shorts Who Were Called Upon to Deliver Were Forced to Pay Top-Notch Prices-Conservative Feeling at the Close.

REFUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Dec. 27.-With the aid of the Bank of England, which made no change in the discount rate, holding it at 4 per cent, English speculators in American securities snaged to tide over the settlement today. Those who had sold Americans short, nowever, were compelled to pay top-notch rices for securities, which they were called upon to deliver, for the market here, while variable, was in the main strong, and further advances were scored in the leading

Locally, speculative interest centered to day in the shares of the American Sugar Company and in the tractions, Sugar, openg at 1415, sold down to 1294, and then on eavy dealings advanced to 1454. The closing price was 1454s, equivalent to a net advance of 3% per cent for the day.

upward swing in Brooklyn Rapid Transit. Metropolitan and Manhattan was continued. These stocks had an extreme advance of about 3 per cent, but eased off under realizing sales, Brooklyn Rapid Transit scoring a net loss of 15, per cent, Manhattan a net loss of 15, per cent and Metallical Metallic

hattan a propeltan 1½.

People's Gas of Chicago, which is a People's Gas of Chicago, which is a prime speculative favorite here, advanced to 116, but reacted and closed at 108, a net

gain of 1% per cent.

The international securities, such as St. Paul, New York Central, Missouri Pacific, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, were Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, were strongly held, although there were slight recessions from the highest prices of the day toward the close of the market. In the bond department very heavy transactions were recorded in Mexican Central and Wabash debentures, the volume of

and Wabash debentures, the volume of trading in the latter approximating \$700,000, marked by a steady advance in price.

When the Stock Exchange closed for the day a more conservative feeling prevaled the financial district, and the best opinion in Wall street was that the bull market had about run its course for the present. For the next few days it is anticipated that money will be available in smailer quantities than heretofore, with a possible advance in the morning the very likely the condition of affairs will prevail until the January interest payments are made, when there may be a resumption of activity.

CURRIER & BUNKER ASSIGN.

Liabilities Small-Disagreement Between Partners the Cause. New York, Dec. 27.—Currier & Bunker, who did business as stock brokers at 21 Perk Row, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors to William H. Bon-

yage.

The senior member of the firm, Israel L. Currier, was a member of the Consolidated Exchange. No, statement has been made of the firm's assets or liabilities.

F. B. Bard, attorney for the assignors, said that the assignment was primarily due to a disagreement between the partners.

Mr. Bard would give no idea of the assets that liabilities but a representative of the or liabilities, but a representative of the firm said the liabilities would be within \$15.00.

H. A. SEYMOUR BANKRUPT.

Was Member of Former Brokerage Firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co. New York, Dec. 27.—H. A. Seymour of this city filed to-day a petition in bank-ruptcy, individually and as a member of the former brokerage firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co., with Habilities of \$688,620; assets \$750,635.

HELD FOR KILLING JOHN RYAN.

Warrant to Be Issued Against Walter McGarraban.

Walter McGarrarhan, who shot and killed his former friend, John J. D. Ryan on the street in East St. Louis Wednesday afternoon, was held on a charge of murder at the inquest yesterday. McGarrahan repeated on the stand his story that he killed Ryan with his own weapon and that he acted purely in self-defense.

The Coroner's jury returned its verdict in a few minutes after the evidence was all in. Assistant State Attorney M. J. Carroll of East St. Louis, who assisted at the inquest, will swear out a warrant against McGarrahan to-day.

Illinois Militia Notes.

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Springield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Adjutant General Rece to-day ordered an election to be held in Company E. Fifth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, at 8:29 p. m. Tnursday, January 8, 190, for First and Second Lieutenants. Captain C. A. Parish of the Fifth Infantry will preside.

Honorable discharges from the military service of the State were granted the followirg enlisted men of Company K. Third Infantry Corporal Dariel McDermad, Privates Gilbert Kohnson, E. F. Stratton, James I. Boss, James Corwin, Harry C. Corey, Clinton Delbert, Charles Delbert, Edward Hutchinson, Alexander Reed, Charles A. Richardson, John F. Miller, Robert Salisbury and James Dove.

Dishonorable discharges were issued to the following members of the same company: Privates N. W. Acker, Albert Brewer, Leander A. Clark, Lemuel Boss, James R. Hallman, Bert W. Hardy, W. Johnson, Henry Long, Martin Farmer, August Remer, Max Ratsch, James Pegus, Herman Withers and Judson E. Halaht.

Two Men Killed in a Runaway.

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Film, Mich., Dec. 27.—In a runaway accident to-day Doctor H. W. Howland was diled and G. H. Quigley, a prominent business man, fatally injured. The men were thing when the horse took fright and ran way, overturning the buggy.

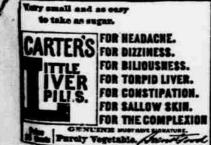
ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

Cenuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of



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CURE SICK HEADACHE.

HORACE BOOZ DENIES CHARGES OF CADETS.

Tells Court of Inquiry That His Brother Was Severely Treated and Was Not a Coward Or a Liar.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 27.—There was an I got from him while here," replied the unusually large attendance of spectators at the Military Court of Inquiry to-day. Hor-ace C. Booz, a civil engineer of Buffalo, and

progress of the investigation, accused Booz of having shown cowardice in his fight with Cadet Keller in August, 1898, and they also

accused him of untruthfulness, Lieutenant Coe, instructor of mathematics, in his testimony last week stated that Booz was not possessed of sufficient mental capacity to pass the necessary examination at this

His brother stated to-day that this was not so, and said that the manner in which the former cadet had passed his examinations at the preparatory school at Bustleton, Pa., was sufficient to prove that Oscar was pos-sessed of sufficient intellect. He said Oscar was not untruthful, and he was anything but a coward.

Mr. Phillips's principal reason for appear-ng before the court was to show that he and not visited the academy in 1898 for the had not visited the academy in 188 for the purpose of saving his son from being hazed. He stayed here for about ten or eleven days in August of that year, shortly after the fight between Booz and Keller had taken place. Mr. and Mrs. Booz stopped at the same hotel with him, but neither of them complained of their son's treatment. He said that, in his opinion, Booz was not of the kind of material out of which good army officers could be made.

One of the witnesses at the morning session informed the court that he had seen Cadet Breth so far exhausted from severe exercising that stimulants had to be given him in his tent in 1887.

In the afternoon two other cadets of Breth's class said they had seen him in

him in his tent in 1807.

In the afternoom two other cadets of Breth's class said they had seen him in a nervous condition, his body, arms and legs twitching after he had been hazed, but one of them said he believed Breth was pretending prostration.

There still remain thirteen cadets of the first class to be examined. They all have been nawy on Christmas furloughs and will be back to-morrow. Some of the present fourth-class men will also be examined.

BOOZ'S BROTHER DENIES

CHARGES MADE BY CADETS.

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Cadet John A. Pearson of Tennessee, when asked if he ever hazed Cadet Booz, answered in the negative. In describing several forms of exercising he said:

"Choo-Chooing is the most exhausting. The man is required to get down and use his hands and legs as rapidly as possible in propelling himself over the ground."

The next witness was A. C. Booz, civil engineer of Buffalo, N. Y., a brother of the late Cadet Oscar L. Booz. The witness had not seen his brother during the time he was in the West Point Academy in 1898. Mr. Booz continued:

"I received a letter from him shortly after he went to the academy. In it he said he felt strange at the place, as it was his first experience away from home. In the second letter, which I got about the beginning of August, he told me he would be called out to fight in about a week.
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"Have you got those letters?" asked General Clous.
"I have not; I destroyed all the letters

the Military Court of Inquiry to-day. Horace C. Booz, a civil engineer of Buffalo, and P. O. Phillips of East Cleveland, who was heralded as a Congressman, but told the press representatives that he was never elected to Congress, were the chief witnesses.

The former's testimony was principally a refutation of the statements made about his brother, former Cadet Oscar L. Booz of Bristol, Pa., who died recently.

Several of the cadet witnesses, during the progress of the investigation, accused Booz of Parkansas, and the streaments of Arkansas. "In other letters which I got from htm." he witness added, "he complained of being

is treatment."
Cadet Henry A. Meyer, Jr., of Arkansas

Cadel Histify at was asked:
"Did you ever haze Cadet Booz?"
"I may have braced him, but I can't say positively," replied the witness,
"Did you 'brace' fourth-class men for the annuement or the elilication of yourself or class-fellows?" Inquired General Claus,
"No, sir, I did it for their own good," said

FOUND BRETH IN STATE

OF APPARENT COLLAPSE. "When I was a fourth-class man," continued the witness, "I heard an upper class man say. Turn into the next tent. I went there and found Caket Breth lying on the floor and no one clse in the tent. He was working his arms up and down nervously. I asked him what was the matter. He replied: Twe been exercising. I caught hold of his arms and then he began working his legs. He seemed perfectly rational, as he answered my questions. I felt then that he legs. He seemed perfectly rational, as he answered my questions. I felt then that he was only pretending and came away, leaving him there. The tent was dark, the only light being that coming in from the com

FIGHTING NOT AS BAD

"FIGHTING NOT AS BAD
AS FOOTBALL." SAYS CADET.
Calet A. L. Lynch of New York said
fourth-class men were priviledged to criticise upper class men at the mess hall table
and could say things in the mess hall which,
"If said at any other place about an upper
class man, might result in the latter's
'smashing' the other's head before morn-

ing."
"Smash his head!" said General Brooke.
"I mean he would call him out and fight him." replied the witness.
Cadet Lynch seemed to be quite an authority on pugilism and explained how matches were made and fights arranged. When he was a fourth-class man, he was selected to fight, but as the man against him was about his height and weight he did not care.

did not care.

He did not think fighting was as bad as football. There were many men knocked out on the football field and very few in fights. fights.
Calet Edmund K. Sterling of Michigan said that after the fight with Keller, Booz was left much alone. One night the witness and Cadet Larkin, since dismissed for deficiency, were told that Cadet Breth was lying in a tent near by. They went there and brought him to his own tent. He was in a nervous condition, and every muscle in his body seemed to be twitching. He was rubbed with alcohol or witchingael and he went to sleep. The witness did not know whether Breth went to the hospital in consequence, but he did not go that night. He never heard of a strait-jacket being used in the academy.

MASKED MEN ON A MYSTERIOUS MISSION

Widow of Dallas Tax Collector Drugged and Forced to Sign Four Documents.

WAS AWAKENED AT MIDNIGHT.

Police Are Puzzled, but Are Search ing for Clews-Nature of the Papers Is Not Known.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 27.-The boldest piece of outlawry enacted in Dallas for a long time took place at Oak Cliff suburb last night, and has puzzled the officials and created general indignation.

Two men wearing masks on their faces and with their hands concealed in large, heavy gloves, entered the home of the widow of the late County Tax Collector, Louis Jacoby, at midnight. Mrs. Jacoby oc cupled a room by herself, the only other occupant of the house being an Il-yearold son, in a remote part of the building The two men, with a lamp burning at its full light, aroused Mrs. Jacoby by calling to her from the opposite side of the room. They informed her that she need fear no harm from them, but warned her that she must make no outcry, or cause them trouble; that they were there not for crime

but for justice.

The frightened woman remained silent and the two men approached her, one with and the two men approached her, one with a cup of liquid, the other with a package of documents. Mrs. Jacoby was informed that the contents of the cup would not poleon her, but would make her uncon-scious for a time sufficiently long for the men to escape and protect themselves against any alarm she might give. She drank the contents of the cup and then signed her name to the documents, four in number, in the places and manner indicated by the men. What the contents of the documents were Mrs. Jacoby declares she has no means of knowing or surmister.

The men sat down and Mrs. Jacoby sank into unconsciousness. When she recovered it was 4 o'clock in the morning. She gave the alarm, and officers have been searching for clews. Doctors who attended Mrs. Jacoby say she will suffer no serious effects from the shock.

from the shock.

Louis Jacoby died about one year ago. He held the office of County Tax Collector reveral terms and amassed a large amount of property. About four years ago one of his deputies defaulted for a large sum. The defaulter was captured two years later in Kansas. They money was restored by bondsmen, and the man is at liberty, but not is Dallas, as far as known. Officers are undecided as to whether the defalcation incident has any connection with the present affair.

HAY FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

Five More Carloads Bought by England at Flora, Ill. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Flora, Ill., Dec. 27 .- Charles Austin, a hay and grain dealer of this city, has received a rush order from a representative of the English Government for five carloads of hay, making a total of thirty-one carloads shipped from this city to New Orleans, where it goes direct to South Africa for use in the Transvaal.

EXCURSION SLEEPING CARS To Los Angeles and San Francisco. Leave St. Louis on "Katy Flyer" (M., K. & T. Ry.), 8:16 p. m. every Tuesday via San Antonio. See "Katy's" Agent.

FINAL FIGURES ON THE CROPS OF 1900.

Yield of Wheat Estimated by the Government Statistician at 522,229,505 Bushels.

AVERAGE IS 12.29 PER ACRE.

Newly Seeded Area of Winter Wheat Is Placed at 30,282,564 Acres - Production of Other Grains.

Washington, Dec. 27.-The statistician the Department of Agriculture estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 522,229.-5% bushels, the area actually harvested be ing 42,495,385 acres, and the average yield per acre 12.29 bushels. The production of winter wheat is estimated at 350,025,409 bush els and that of spring wheat at 172,204,096 bushels, the area actually harvested being 28.225,897 acres in the former case and 16,-259,488 acres in the latter.

The winter wheat acreage totally abandoned in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinots is finally placed at 2.522,787 acres, and the spring wheat acreage totally abandoned in North Dakota and South Dakota at 1,723,-467 acres. The extraordinarily rapid rate at which the winter wheat acreage of Nebraska is gaining upon the spring wheat acreage of that State has necessitated a special investigation of the relative extent to which the two varieties were grown dur-ing the past year. The result of the inves-tigation is that while no change is called for in the total wheat figures of the State 200,-575 acres have been added to the winter wheat column at the expense of the spring

The newly seeded area of winter wheat is stimated at 30,282,564 acres. While the creage is slightly greater than that sown n the fall of 1899, as estimated at the time it is 600,654 acres less than the area that was actually sown, the discrepancy being due to that remarkably rapid development of winter wheat growing in Nebraska with which, as above stated, the department's reports has failed to keep pace. A comparison of the newly seeded acreage with that of the fall of 1839 shows that of the eleven States and Territories that sowed 1,000,000 acres or upward with winter wheat one year ago, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, California and Oklahoma report an increase amounting to 917,704 acres and Ohio, Michigan, Indiana ois, Texas and Tennessee a decrease of ,780,191 acres.

The average condition of the growing crop on December 1 was \$7.1 per cent of the normal. There are many complaints of the Hessian fly, but the low condition figures reported from Ohto, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee-86, 80, 87 and 84, respective-ly-are fully offset by the exceptionally high condition reported from Kansas, Mis-souri, California, Oklahoma and other States, in all of which it is above nor-mal.

Yield of Other Grains.

The production of corn in 1900 is estimated at 2,105,102,516 bu.; oats, 809,125,989 bu.; barley, 55,925,833 bu.; rye. 23,995,227 bu.; buckwheat, 9,566,996 bu.; potatoes, 210,926,897 bu., and hay, 50,110,996 tons. The area from which these crops were gathered was as follows: in cores: which these crops were gathered was as follows, in acres:

Corn, 83,229,872; oats, 27,364,765; barley, 2,-884,282; rye, 1,591,395; buckwheat, 637,399; potatoes, 2,531,654, and hay, 28,132,889.

The corn crop of 1999 was one of the four largest ever gathered while the oats crop has only once been exceeded. On the other hand, the barley and rye crops are the smallest, with one exception in each case, since 1887. The buckwheat crop is the smallest since 1883, and the hay crop the smallest, with one exception, since 1888.

FESTETICS TELLS HIS DECLARES A BLOND MARITAL TROUBLES. WOMAN SHOT HIM.

Austrian Count Makes Sensational Secretary of Masonic Grand Lodge Reply to His American of Indiana Found Fatally Wounded in His Office.

Says He Was Promised a Million Unknown Female, He Says, An-Francs by His Wife's People noved Him With Requests to and Wants It Paid Before Divorce Is Granted.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

SCANDAL ON

San Francisco, Dec. 27.-The deposition of Count Festetics de Tolna arrived from Vienna to-day and is now in the hands of Judge Bahr, who is expected to render his decision soon in the suit of the Countess for divorce

A British naval officer named Remington, attached to the warship Immortalite. whom the Count and Countess met at Singapore, and upon whose head the Austrian nobleman smashed a bottle of liquor, figures to a considerable extent in the Count's answer to the numerous charges of his wife.

Count Festetics de Tolna is the quaint Austrian who purchased a schooner yacht, Installed his American wife as navigator and compelled her to accompany him on a trip through the South Sea Islands and into the Indian Ocean. The Countess was confined on board the boat, practically as a prisoner, she affirms, for more than a year, and then made her escape, Count Pestelles gives as his reason for his refusal to abandon the sea the failure of the parents of the Countess to give him

a million francs. This sum, he alieges, had been promised to him before his marriage. Broke Bottle on Officer's Head.

Referring to the Remington affair, the Count says in his deposition:
"At Singapore the Countess asked me to dispose of the yacht and live on land at some big city she liked. This was after our troubles with Remington, and in particular after a trouble that we had with Remington on board the Tolna, when he stayed over of my wife "I object

of my wife
"I objected to his visit, and told him
that I would have him taken to his ship
Immortalite in one of the Telna's boats.
He sald he preferred to sleep on hoard Ite said he preferred to sleep on board the Tolna, and on further urging of my wife I at last yielded and allowed him to sleep on board, my wife herself making up his leed in the main salcon.

"She teok a blanket off her ewn bed to do so, and, seeing this, I took the blanket from her, telling her not to do so, but size got the blanket egain and put it on Remirgton's bed.

get the blanket again and put it of regton's hed.

"The next morning about 6 o'clock I heard my wife in the saloen calling for the boy: Boy, bring, quick, some cognac; Mr. Remington is fainting. I immediately went out and saw my wife nursing Remington, and I told my wife: Will you please go to your room? It is my business to nurse him.

"Then my wife said: 'No, I am not going to my room, I am going to nurse him.'

"Then my wife said: 'No, I am not going to my room. I am going to nurse him.

"In the meantime the boy had brought the coxnae. My wife took it, and, pushing me away, went toward Remington, to give him the cognac.

"I pushed her aside, and then took a whisky bottle standing on the table and broke this over Remington's head. He immediately recovered from his faintness and went.

Told His Wife to Go. Told His Wife to Go.

"I stayed below, but my wife ran after him, and I heard that he jumped quickly into the gig that was in readiness to take him away. When my wife came down below I told her that I had had quite enough of this sort of filtration, having already seen her engaged in similar flirtation at Samoa and Yokohama, and that I had had enough of it. I told her: 'You would better pack up and go back to your own people.'

pack up and go back to your own peo-ple.

"She sald, 'All right,' and, taking her hat, went to the telegraph office and upon my talking with Sir Alexander Sweetman and my counsel, Mr. Von Brandt, Remington apologized and promised never to see my wife any more.

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"I asked my wife not to make any further scandal and to continue to stay with mo on board the Toina and that I would pardon her. She said she would have stayed if her father had not sent her money in reply to her telegram, but now her father had sent her the money, she would go."

Another source of dispute between the Count and Counters was the difficulty which he encountered in obtaining money from her parents. He says:

"In reply to my wife's frequent demand that I leave the sea, I said: "If your people will give me the amount they promised, as you know, before our marriage—it is a million francs—then I will give up yachting and live where you like on shore."

When the Counters left Singapore it was understood, the Count alleges, that she would rejoin him at Aden.

Divorce Suit Surprises Them.

"We arranged." he says, "that my wife.

"We arranged," he says, "that my wife should go to her people and that she would meet me at Aden when the yacht arrived there. She was to meet her mother in Paris and then to return to Aden, when I shoul! arrive with the yacht.

"And then I salled immediately toward Aden, even before my wife sailed from Singapore. My wife and I arranged that she was to stay with the governor and his wife until the next French mall, which was due three or four days after I sailed on the Tolna."

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The Countess wrote to the Count three times after leaving him. Her third letter reached him at Port Said.

"I suspected then," says the Count, "that there was something the matter. Less than a fortnight after leaving Port Said I arrived at Trieste and I was astounded to read in the newspaper that my wife was seeking a divorce, which I did not believe was the case, and so publicly declared."

The Count asserts that he spent about \$90,000 in giving his wife this globe-encircling yachting trip, "If I had been alone," he says, "I should have lived on my income as I did before my marriage, but the amount specified I drew from my capital at various times to cover the demands of my wife for money."

Because of all of which Count Festelies.

for money."

Because of all of which Count Festetics protests against the granting of a divorce to his wife, at least until the million franca which he alleges was promised to him, shall be paid.

GERMANY'S NAVY GROWING.

Attention Called to Unprecedented Activity in Building Warships. Berlin, Dec. 27.-The Berliner Post, sum

marizing Germany's naval progress this year, says that seven vessels have been launched, including two battleships, one large cruiser and four small cruisers. The paper also calls attention to the "un ships," six of which are now in process of construction, including four battleships, one large cruiser and one gunboat. The schoolship Stein will be fitted out to The schoolship Stein will be fitted out to replace the Gneisenau, which recently foundered off Malaga harbor.

The boys who were saved from the wreck are expected to arrive next week at Wilhelmshaven, and to go abourd the Stein.

The establishment of a free harbor at Emden is expected to make it an important port for American wood. Westphailan firms have already ordered 10,000 tons of pitch pine to be sent there for shipment via the Dortmund-Ems canal. A joint stock wood company has been organized in Emden to import pitch pine and other woods in large quantities.

BIG MEXICAN BANK FAILURE.

Liabilities Are \$2,300,000, Assets May Cover If Properly Handled.

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—The failure of the well-known banking firm of Francisco Martinez Negrete & Sons of Guadalaiara has created a sensation in this city, where the firm has for many years been identified with its business developments. The habilities are \$2,00,000 and it is believed by bankers conversant with the affairs of the firm that its assets, if properly handled, will surplus over all claims. The failure is due to financial stringency.

124 Boarding Places Advertised in to-day's Republic.

HIS YACHT. MYSTERY ENSHROUDS AFFAIR.

Use Telephone—He Refused and She Fired.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.-William H. Smythe, secretary of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the State, was shot in the head in his office in the Masonic building short-

Mr. Smythe claims a woman did the shooting, but the police have so far been unable to locate her. It is thought be Lewis A. Coleman, an attorney, found

Mr. Smythe shortly after he was shot. He went to Mr. Smythe's office in the Masonic building shortly after noon, for the pur pose of transacting business, and found Mr. Smythe lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Mr. Coleman said he detected the smell of gunpowder the moment he stepped

Immediately after finding Mr. Smythe, Mr. Coleman ran from the building and telephoned the police department. telephoned the police department. There was intense excitement and reports that a murder had been committed were rife. Several police and Captain Kinney, with detectives, arrived soon afterward.

The wounded man was in a semiconscious condition, but was able at intervals to utter a few coherent words. The police asked

Mr. Smythe to tell who did the shooting and he told them his son would give them the information.

He was able to say, however, that he was scated at his desk when a bionde wom-an entered his office and asked to use the telephone. He said she had been in several times before and that the last call irritated him and he refused her request. He claimed that after he refused her the use of the telephone she drew a revolver from the bosom of her dress and fired. He said his son would give all the information de

Shortly after the tragedy Doctor Elme Smythe, the son referred to, came in. When he was told that his father had said 'hat he would give information as to the woman who did the shooting, he insisted that he

who did the shooting, he insisted that he knew nothing of her.

Doctor Hodges was called immediately after the shooting, and, when he arrived, at once began probing for the builet. The wound was directly behind the right ear, and in a short time a piece of the builet was found and extracted.

Another piece, found in the same place, was taken out, and soon afterwards a third piece was found.

bece was found.

Dector Jeseph W. Robb has an office directly above that of Smythe in the Masonic building. He said Mr. Smythe told him that he had been amoyed by a blonde woman, who came into his office several times and asked to use the telephona across the street to the Lorraine Hotel, where she had a room. Mr. Smythe said he refused to grant her request, and that she left the room in a "huff." Mr. Smythe related the story as one of unusual interest, Doctor Robb said.

Doctor Elmer Smythe said also that his

Smythe a Prominent Mason.

At the home of Mr. Smythe it was impossible to find any clew to the women, who, he said, did the shooting. Members of the family said they knew of nothing in Mr. Smythe's life that would lead to such a tragedy and that he had never received any threatening letter to their knowledge.

Mr. Smythe is widely known in Indiana. He came to this city twenty-live years ago from Green Castle to take the position of secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Indiana, a position which he has filled to the present time. He is one of the best-known Masons in the State and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Early in the summer Mr. Smythe received a sunstroke which incapacitated him for work for several months. In fact, he has never recovered from it.

GOOD-FELLOWSHIP PREVAILED. C. F. Blanke Company's Officers

and Employes at Banquet.

The C. F. Blanke Tea and Coffee Company gave i's eighth annual banquet to its officers, salesmen and employes at the quarconcers, salesmen and employes at the quar-ters of the company. Seventh street and Clark avenue, last night. The large ship-ping-room was cleared for the occasion and the artistically decorated table was placed in the center of it. Covers were laid for seventy-five, and there were no vacant

C. F. Blacke, president of the company,

acted as tousimaster. The meliu, which consisted of nine coofses, illenaced an the chisacted of time souscent and several kinds of Line which. An orderstra pityes throughout the eventual in greacest possible good-time eventual. In greacest possible good-tenowing pervacet me company. Many of the samestant ground are me company in the samestant, covering terrordres far distant from St. Louis, settlem are in town and are unable to meet their fellow-workers except at the annual reginion. For this reason the occasion is always one of join-heation and exchange of yards of the road, when the conce and cigars appeared air. Blanke opened the specchmaning with a said that he was gian to meet all the men of the company face to face, and expressed the was followed by other members of the company, nearly all of whom were called upon for specches. The following were present:

C. F. Blanke, William Fisher, Fred Blanke, F. G. Blanke, William Fisher, Fred Blanke, E. F. alyers, Charles Spies, henry Linguemann, George Kendall, E.lward Haverkamp, Edward Neuenschwanner, Harry Potts, Edgar Nienaus, Estward Zott, R. Scheenhart, Edward Ait, Polity Volk, Hearry Hoffman, Fred Rockings, William Anderson, whilm verbors, G. A. Ward, Robert Blanks, Sam McClatchey, George Lewis, J. R. Schreder, William Daurenneim, C. E. Denham, E. Lindemann, E. G. Cahn, A. Stefel, G. A. Thomas, J. W. Albright, L. L. Harris, J. C. Ela, S. R. Cotton, D. Black, J. C. Tally, L. O. White, W. L. McKenna, F. J. McCombe, P. W. Kingdon, B. Mank, E. Schmid, O. Blanke, A. D. White, O. C. White, C. H. North, Fred Castellaw, F. A. Roemer, H. Huber, J. E. Kernedy, William Santon, J. Wehmeyer, Charles Roeder, L. Pardick, G. Brommier, R. Sheckles, G. Duessel, Henry Seigel, E. Ashby, C. Grove, G. Clobes, C. H. North, Alvin Neslage, A. G. Blanke and A. J. Nichols. delicacies of the souson and several kinds of the wines. An occasita played infougr

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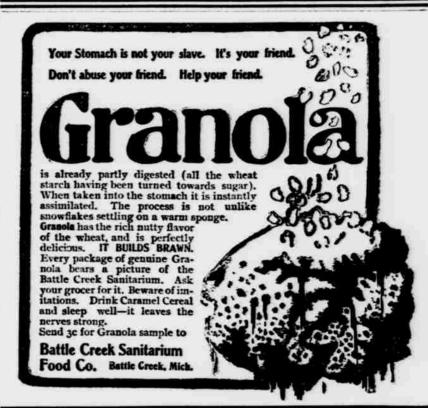
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Again the Shadow Moveth O'er the Dial Plate of Time." With the festivities of the Vulctide min-gles a spirit of reverence and adoration; with the joyousness of the New Year are underlying sadiness to those of more mature years, to whom life has shown that—

times and asked to use the telephone, say ing that she wanted to telephone across the street to the Lorraine Hotel, where she had a room. Mr. Smythe said he refused to grant her request, and that she left the room in a "huff." Mr. Smythe related the story as one of unusual interest, Doctor Hobb said.

Doctor Elmer Smythe said also that his Toother had been annoyed by a woman who called an annoyed by a woman who called and his father ordered her too the room in rather a gruff manner. He said he knew nothing about the woman at except that she was a blonde.

Sucide Theory Freely Advanced.

Soon after the abcotting, Mr. Smythe asked for his son, Elmer, and requested that all leave the room for a www.

Which was done. Lamer, and requested that all leave the room for a woman and all about the mame of the woman and all about the name of the woman and all about the hame of the woman and all about the hame of the woman and all about the latest nothing of her.

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Monday.

BREAKFAST.
Fruit,
Cerean.
Cream.
Cream Dried Beef on Toast
Baked Potatoes.
Rolls, Coffee,
LUNCH.
Oyster Stew Crackers,
Cabbage Salad,
Cheese, Wafers,
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DINNER.
Rice Soup.
Beef a la Jardiniere,
Siewed Squash. Riced Potatoes.
Lettuce Salad.
Pumpkin Ple,
Coffee.
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BREAKFAST.
Fruit.
Cereal. Cream,
Creamed Polatoes.
Plum Marmalade.
Milk Blscult. Coffee,
DINNER.
Oysters on Half Shell.
Salted Nuts. Celery. Olives,
Clear Soup.
Roast Duck. Potato Stuffing,
Wild Plum Jelly.
Chestnut Croquettes. Baked Squash,
Celery and Apple Salad,
Wafers. Cheese,
Pumpkin Ple, Mince Ple,
Nesselrode Pudding,
Macaroons.
Grapes, Oranges,
Nuts. Rasins,
Coffee.
SUPPER.
Chicken Salad,
Thin Bread and Butter.
Preserved Fruit. Sponge Cake,
Cocoa,

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WOMAN INFORMED ON THIEF. Stolen Mules Brought Back From Kansas.

J. W. Johnson of Meramec Highlands returned yesterday from Fort Scott. Kas, where he went to identify a team of mules that were stolen from him two months ago. He had no trouble in proving ownership to them, and brought the mules back with him. As soon as he reached home he swore out a warrant against Charles Kay, who is now serving a sentence in the Fort Scott jail for stealing chickens,

Kay's arrest was brought about by a woman. When he stole the mules from Mr. Johnson he also took a wagon and drove-across the State and into Kansas with the intention of going to Oklahoma. On his route he met a woman and asked her to join him. She did so and he confided his crime to her. When they neared Fort Scott they quarreled and Kay slapped his companion's face. To obtain revenge she informed on him.

FUNERAL OF AUSTIN T. DREW.

Coroner's Verdict Is Death From Concussion of Brain.

The funeral of Austin T. Drew, general freight agent of the M., K. & T. Ry., who was killed by a fall from his horse in Forest Park Christmas Day, took place yesterday from his home at No. 5737 Vernon avenue. The burial was in Bellefontaine Central

by concussion of the brain, the result of an in-beguing the case yesterday and returned a verdict of death from hemorrhage caused by concussion of the brain, the result of an